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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 5, please replace the paragraph starting at line 10 with the following:

Advantageously, when assembled the L-shaped rails **11, 12** each has a top, vertically oriented flange **21** and a bottom, horizontally oriented flange **22**. Having the horizontally oriented flange **22** of the rails on the bottom allows for improved downward bending strength which is the same as the direction of loading when the body is resting on the casket bed frame **10**. In addition, the bottom flanges **22** of each of the L-shaped rails **11, 12** overlap in an area adjacent the L-shaped openings **[[10]]20**, which increases the stability of the interlocking connection. Although rails with L-shaped cross-sections are preferred for the above-listed reasons, rails with other shapes having ends tailored to interlock could be used so as to achieve quick assembly with the use of tools.